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SHOULD THE FARMERS' MOVEMENT BE IN POLITICS?

Royal Commission Given Sensational Evidence

COUNSEL CHARGES COTTON COMBINE EVADES ITS TAXES

**Declares Combine Owes Treasury
More Than Three-quarters
of Million Dollars**

HIDDEN RESERVES

**Industry With Hidden Reserve of
Over Two Million Sought
Higher Protection**

By WILFRID EGGLESTON

Special to The Western Farm Leader

OTTAWA, Nov. 16th.—The Turgeon Royal Commission inquiring into the textile industry continues to uncover some rather sensational evidence.

It was brought out recently that the income tax department had levied a tentative assessment on Canadian Cottons, Ltd., of about \$220,000, for income tax between 1920 and 1936 which the company allegedly owed but had not paid. It has, according to the view of the department, concealed profits by the use of a flexible inventory reserve. This sum does not cover interest or penalties, nor does it provide for the period between 1916 and 1920, when a considerable part of the reserve was built up.

Counsel's Calculations

Indeed, J. C. McRuer, counsel for the commission, told the chairman of the company (Dr. A. O. Dawson) during cross-examination, that according to his own private calculations Canadian Cottons, Ltd., owed the taxing authorities between three-quarters of a million and one million dollars.

The "hidden inventory reserve" stood at something over two million dollars when the last inventory was taken.

Investigations are being made now of other companies to see whether similar methods have been employed.

Something can be said for the motive behind the creation of these reserves, but the fact that they were not disclosed and that the shareholders, the public, and the income tax authorities did not know about the Canadian Cottons one—as would seem from the evidence—makes the matter reprehensible, according to the current view.

Asked Higher Protection

Here was a company with a hidden reserve of over two million dollars complaining about competition from Japan, the United Kingdom and other sources, asking at times for higher protection, and at others protesting against any talk of reduction.

It was able to show, at times, from its books, that it was not making any money. But it did not show, from its books, that it had

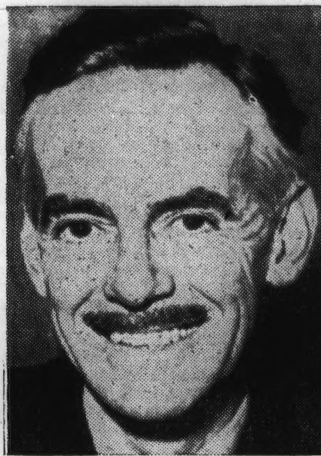
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Secret Trip Through Norwegian Waters

COPENHAGEN, Nov. 18th.—General von Blomberg, Hitler's Defence Minister, has just completed an extensive secret trip along the northern coast of Norway in connection with Nazi plans to block Russia's communications by water with the Western world in the event of war.

In the Baltic Sea Hitler's plans to this end are already well-advanced, and Scandinavia is apprehensive. A few days ago Der Fuehrer proclaimed, contrary to treaty, Germany's exclusive sovereignty over the Kiel canal, alarming Denmark. Flights by German aeroplanes over Danish territory and sailings into Danish territorial waters by German warships have become an almost everyday occurrence. Will Britain ever permit the League to protect the rights of small peoples or do British statesmen render the League meaningless lip-service only? is the question raised here.

Wins Nobel Price



Eugene O'Neill, the famous American author and playwright, who was awarded the 1936 Nobel prize for letters in Stockholm, Sweden, on November 12th.

WEST WAITED FOR GESTURE THAT DID NOT COME, STATED

**"Financial Post" Admits Drastic
Cuts in Western Debts
Overdue**

"THREE YEARS AGO"

**"The West Waited for the Offer
and It Did Not Come," States
Toronto Paper**

Very late in the day, and years after the voicing of the demand for reduction of public and private indebtedness in the West by farmers' organizations who were the pioneers in the struggle for such necessary reductions, and after Western Governments have been carrying on a persistent struggle for positive action by creditor interests to this end, *The Financial Post* of Toronto in its issue of November 14th, admits the justice of the West's case—including the case of the Western farmers.

The *Post* contends that most creditor interests have been generous, but that there have been exceptions, where creditors have "hung on to a paper asset to the last ditch," "to grant relief to the debtor only when relief was forced." It contends that creditors who "felt they were fully justified in adopting a policy of leaving the final settlement to be postponed until it was seen what the long term trend of prices and values was going to be," made a great mistake in psychology, as this policy "left the debts outstanding as something for the farmer to worry about." The *Post* continues:

Wanted Dramatic Gesture

"What the West waited for for years was a great dramatic gesture, something unsolicited, something voluntary, made by the creditor groups to the debt-ridden farmers of the West. The gesture may have taken the form of a general writing down of debts, of a drastic reduction of interest rates, possibly of something else. What has been done in Manitoba or Saskatchewan recently should have been a year or three years ago. THE WEST WAITED AND THE OFFER DID NOT COME.

"Even to the non-Social Creditor these things are fundamental. Alberta wants its debts, public and private, lightened, or at the least the carrying charges on them, and having made a spectacular move in this direction the Province will not retrace its steps all the way, no matter what Government comes into power. This makes it clear that financial and creditor groups should be ready to come to the assistance of Alberta when Alberta's own Government fails it. There should be a generous private debt settlement scheme ready for immediate application if and when the Aberhart legislation is thrown out by the courts or repealed."

The Question of Political Action

Pros and Cons Presented by Readers

Should the farm people of Alberta continue to take part in public affairs as an organized group, or should they definitely withdraw from politics?

In view of the widespread interest in this question aroused in all parts of the Province, by the publication of the letter of Hon. George N. Johnston, former Speaker of the Legislature, in our last issue, we invite our readers to contribute their views during the weeks remaining before the Annual Convention of the United Farmers of Alberta, which will be held in Calgary January 19th to 22nd inclusive.

PRO

Editor, *The Western Farm Leader*:

This letter is written in direct rebuttal to the letter you published from the pen of Mr. George N. Johnston of Loyalist.

He takes up the position that the United Farmers of Alberta blundered when they entered the political field and that now after being beaten at the polls they should get out of politics and by so doing make room for members of every political viewpoint.

Mr. Johnston uses an argument that governments begin to die as soon as they are elected. It can be argued just as wisely that human beings commence decay at birth. It is also true that in a healthy normal life much good is achieved. In a normal progressive world there are worthy successors directly related to and proceeding out of the previous generation. Let me make one more statement in my introductory remarks. Progressive leadership in world history originates from minority groups. Truly could it be said of the U.F.A. or any

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CON

Editor, *The Western Farm Leader*:

I would like to congratulate Mr. G. N. Johnston on his interesting and thought-provoking letter "Politics and the Agrarian Movement."

The Annual Convention is rapidly approaching, at which, no doubt, a definite decision will be arrived at as to whether the U.F.A. organization stays in politics or not.

Politically, I believe, the U.F.A. has become introverted. We may argue to convince ourselves, but the day is passed when we can convince others.

Yet economically the farmers of this Province need a good strong organization now more than they have ever done. Is the U.F.A. going to supply this need, or are we going to allow some organization yet unborn to fill the gap? For let us make no mistake on this point. If the need is there, such an organization will be born.

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IT has, I suppose, been no secret to those who have read my articles on Debt Adjustment that I have been and still am very partial to the Farmers' Creditors Arrangement Act as a medium of adjusting farmers' debts.

Should Remove Weaknesses

Without being critical of the Provincial Debt Reduction Act, I feel very strongly that time will show very clearly that in a large section of the Province the greatest relief can be obtained under the Farmers' Creditors Arrangement Act, while in all sections cases are appearing where an appeal to the Board of Review is likely to result in the most adequate adjustment. It is becoming very apparent, however, that there are serious weaknesses in the legislation which should be dealt with at the next session of the Dominion House.

This fact can be stated without adopting any critical attitude towards the framers of that legislation. It was a new experiment and it is not surprising that those in charge of the preparation of the Bill could not have foreseen all the problems that would arise, while the most necessary amendment becomes necessary not because of any defect in the Act itself, but because of the inexperience of the Board of Review in the first months of their work. Possibly even that statement should be modified somewhat, because no Board operating in the early months of 1935 could have foreseen the disastrous frost of August of that year.

Overly Cautious

The fact remains, however, that during the year 1935 the Board of Review could not see its way clear to reduce rates of interest, on mortgages held by loan companies and on bank loans, to less than seven per cent, and the Board was overly cautious in reducing arrears of interest. Then in many cases the payments of principal were brought on too rapidly.

The result is that a very large percentage of these adjustments simply cannot be met. It is very doubtful if the Debt Reduction Act or any other Provincial legislation can give relief in these cases and about all the Courts can do is to extend the time for payment.

It is obvious that there is the greatest discrimination between those early adjustments and those now being made by the Board. The first amendment needed, therefore, is to give power to the Board to review adjustments it has previously made, either with or without a new hearing at which all parties would be present.

Then a difficulty is constantly arising in the case of farms where the owner has died after making application, or where Executors or Administrators must operate a farm for a number of years until a distribution of assets can be made. It is difficult to see any good reason why such cases are not as meritorious as any others. The Board of Review in Saskatchewan has publicly taken

Amendment of Farmers' Creditors Arrangement Act Necessary

Organizations Interested in Debt Reduction Should Press for Important Changes at Next Session of the Dominion House

By HON. J. E. BROWNLEE, K.C., LL.D.

the position that Executors and Administrators do not come under the Act. While no such public ruling has been made in this Province, still there has been no ruling that they do come under the Act. The Department of Justice at Ottawa should give a ruling one way or the other, and if it is felt that such trustees have no standing then the proper changes in the Act should be made.

Most Common Weakness

The most common weakness or defect arises from the term or expression "no priority of contract." This situation arises wherever a third party intervenes between the debtor and his creditor. A good example is found in the case of an agreement for sale between the vendor and one purchaser and which has been assigned by the original purchaser to the present occupant of the land. In such a case there is no direct contract between the vendor and the occupant of the land and if the occupant makes an application to the Board he finds to his sorrow that the Board cannot deal with the vendor's claim. This same difficulty arises in a variety of forms, and the necessary power should be given the Board to deal with all such situations.

Need Two or Three Boards

Then it is doubtful if it is humanly possible for one Board to take care of all the cases waiting to be heard, and there is therefore too much delay between the application and the hearing by the Board. Two or three Boards operating in the Province for a year at least could handle all cases promptly and give greater general satisfaction.

Now an appeal has been taken to the Privy Council from the decisions of the Supreme Court of Canada on several Acts passed by the Bennett Government, including the Farmers' Creditors Arrangement Act, and these appeals are now being argued before that Court. These arguments will take some time, and it will no doubt be some time before the decisions are given after the arguments are finished. The next session of the Dominion Parliament is likely to be held early in January, and from announcements from Ottawa it would seem that the Government does not wish to make

any changes in any of the Acts until these decisions are given. The decision of the Supreme Court of Canada in the Farmers' Creditors Arrangement Act was quite unanimous and very strong and there is little likelihood of that decision being changed by the Privy Council. It would be a great pity, therefore, if another year should pass without these very necessary changes being put into effect, even if the Privy Council endorses fully the judgment already given by the Supreme Court.

Should Press for Changes

It does seem to me, therefore, that all organizations interested in this problem of Debt Reduction should bring as much pressure to bear as possible on the Dominion Government to get them to make these very important and needful changes at the next session whether or not the decision of the Privy Council has been given. The various Boards of Review will no doubt go on working anyway. Is there any reason at all why the Boards should not work under adequate legislative powers? I suggest that this view should be urged upon Ottawa without delay by all interested bodies.

Cases Affecting Provincial Act

It would now appear that there is little chance of any of the cases, which have been started to test the validity of the Provincial Debt Reduction Act, reaching the Courts before

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the New Year, so that it is now probable that it will be well on toward spring before a decision of any Appeal Court is given.

Advocates Nation Wide Farmers' Body

Advocating the organization of a Canadian farm movement, whose spokesmen could represent the whole agrarian industry of the country at Ottawa and elsewhere, G. G. Coote spoke to the annual convention of the U.F.A. in Macleod Federal constituency recently.

H. B. MacLeod also spoke, dealing with his work as a member, formerly, of the Board of Review under the Farmers' Creditors Arrangement Act. He was convinced, he said, that a large number of farmers in Alberta would not be able to carry on unless better prices prevailed, and also with good crops, together with still greater debt reductions.

The whole subject of debt legislation was discussed by the delegates at some length, and consumers' co-operation was also the topic of a round table discussion.

W. J. Harper, of Claresholm, was elected president and Mrs. Ward, of Arrowwood, vice-president.

Supper, served by the Five Mile U.F.W.A. and the girls' club of the same place, was enjoyed by some fifty delegates and visitors.

Physician to Quints Takes Vacation



Dr. Allan Roy Dafoe, physician to the Dionne quintuplets, being interviewed in his hotel room in New York, where he is visiting on his annual vacation. The doctor told reporters that for some time after their latest moving picture had been made the quints were spoiled from being coaxed to do things, but were now getting back to normal.

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Pride in Thirty Years' Achievement and Confidence in Future Mark Annual Meeting of United Grain Growers, Limited

Results of Operations Reviewed — Direct Payments to Farmers and Farm Organizations Total More than \$4,500,000
— New Drive to Press Sale of Canadian Wheat Abroad Result of Company's Efforts

THE annual meeting of United Grain Growers, Limited, held in Calgary on November 5th and 6th, marked the completion of the first thirty years in the Company's history, for it was organized in 1906 as the Grain Growers Grain Company.

It also marked a twenty-year anniversary, for it was in 1916 that Western farmers decided to amalgamate the Grain Growers Grain Company and the Alberta Farmers Co-operative Elevator Company under the name of United Grain Growers, Limited, although it was a year later when the amalgamation took effect. The annual meeting, attended by 300 delegates representing the Company's 30,000 farmer shareholders in the Western Provinces, was marked by a high degree of pride in the Company's achievements and a spirit of confidence for its future.

Directors Re-elected

The four retiring directors of the Company were re-elected to office. These are R. S. Law, Calgary; D. G. McKenzie, Brandon; E. E. Bayne, Winnipeg and R. G. Brown, Pilot Mound, Manitoba. Subsequent election of officers resulted in Mr. Law being confirmed in the position of President, Mr. McKenzie as first Vice-President while Mr. John Morrison of Yellowgrass was again elected Second Vice-President.

Results of Year's Operations

The annual report of the Board of Directors indicated that earnings of the Company for the fiscal year ended July 31st, 1936, had been in line with crop conditions and with changing conditions in the grain trade. Earnings for the year were \$681,690.73. After various appropriations which included an addition of \$451,438.15 to depreciation reserve and \$178,090.73 covering interest on bonds and mortgages, a net profit from operations of \$10,534.85 was realized. Taking into account the large amount which had been carried over in earned surplus account, a dividend of 3 per cent on the paid-up capital of the Company amounting to \$95,517.79, was declared. This left a balance to be carried in earned surplus account of \$451,924.35.

The balance sheet indicated the Company's working capital to be \$1,741,322.97. Bank indebtedness was \$64,980.86, an amount which was less than the cash on hand and in banks, indicating the Company's ability to carry on its operations at the end of the financial year without recourse to bank borrowings. The funded and mortgage debt had been reduced during the year by \$224,283.17. This left an amount of \$3,348,383.24. Of the Company's bond issue, amounting originally to \$4,500,000.00, one-third has now been redeemed.

Shareholders' Equity

Shareholders' equity in the Company is represented by the following figures:

Paid-up capital stock.....	\$3,167,405.61
General reserve.....	1,710,282.22
Surplus, earned and capital.....	488,411.02
which makes the total shareholders equity...	5,366,098.85

The total number of country elevators owned by the Company is 442. In connection with these country elevators there are 48 annexes; 289 coal sheds; 211 flour sheds and 163 agents' cottages.

The terminal elevator at Port Arthur, owned by the Company, has a capacity of 5,500,000 bushels and the terminal elevator at Vancouver, which operates under lease, has a capacity of 2,600,000 bushels.

Attention was called to the fact that the total dividend payments made by the Company since amalgamation, and before amalgamation, by the Grain Growers Grain Company and the Alberta Farmers' Co-operative Elevator Company, now amounts to \$4,087,481.15, which is almost \$1,000,000.00 more than the paid-up capital.

To Farmer Customers and Farm Organizations

In addition the following payments have been made to farmer customers or to farmers' organizations:

Patronage dividends to customers.....	\$ 207,500.00
Grants to the Canadian Council of Agriculture..	122,241.75
Grants to the United Farmers of Alberta.....	83,733.10
Grants to the United Farmers of Manitoba.....	80,314.15
Grants to the Saskatchewan Grain Growers Association.....	9,700.00
Grants to other associations.....	3,800.00
Payments to the Saskatchewan Wheat Pool and to the Alberta Wheat Pool in the nature of patronage dividends.....	53,000.00
A total of.....	\$ 560,289.00

That brings the total of direct payments to farmers and to farmers' organizations from the earnings of the Company during thirty years to more than \$4,500,000.00, or approximately 50 per cent more than the Company's paid-up capital.

New Effort Behind Sale of Canadian Wheat

Progress was reported in the Company's endeavors to have a new effort put behind the sale of Canadian wheat. It is now three years since the first proposals by United Grain Growers for the establishment of a Wheat Institute to conduct such work were made and a realization of the necessity for such work has been gradually brought about. Last March a meeting called by the Minister of Trade and Commerce was to have been held in Winnipeg to discuss possible action, but this was postponed on account of wheat discussions in Parliament. However, the Parliamentary Wheat Committee last year recommended thorough inquiry into the matter and this is one of the subjects into which the Royal Grain Commission is instructed to inquire. The Company expects to have an opportunity of putting before the Commission its views in this connection and the prediction was made that before another year has passed action, as a direct result of the Company's endeavors, would probably be secured.

In this connection it is interesting to note that since the annual meeting of the Company announcement has been made by the Canadian Wheat Board of the appointment of a European Commissioner whose duties are to press the sale of Canadian wheat abroad, and it is reported that an advertising campaign is about to be inaugurated by the Wheat Board.

Ground for Hope Skies are Clearing

There are grounds, the directors' report concluded, for hope that the skies are clearing for Western Agriculture. The world wheat surplus, which has been a depressing market factor since the beginning of 1929, has almost disappeared. Authorities agree that in almost every country some improvement has been made from the worst period of the depression, and in some countries very marked improvements. Canadian currency has now for some time been in a reasonable relation to sterling, a fact which has removed one depressing price influence. A good deal of progress has been made in dealing with problems of Western Agricultural debt. There appears to be an increase in world realization of the need of restoring international trade and some progress in that direction has been made. The progress of forcing uneconomic production of wheat in several European countries appears to have passed its peak. There has been some decline, which appears to be permanent, in wheat acreage in a number of countries. Thus the grain price advances of the current year, although partly arising out of Western Canada's small crop in 1936, appear to be based in part on changing fundamental conditions.

Stand for Wheat Board as in 1935-36

The annual meeting endorsed the stand of the Board of Directors in asking for continued operation of the Canadian Wheat Board, as in 1935-36, until the Royal Grain Inquiry report is completed.

Possible re-entry of United Grain Growers into the live stock business came under discussion, and the delegates supported the directors' recommendation that final decision on this matter should be postponed. An extensive survey of the live stock situation in Canada was presented by the Board of Directors along with suggestions for development of a national policy for putting the live stock industry on a more satisfactory basis.

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THREE YEARS OVERDUE

At last comes frank recognition by a representative financial newspaper of Eastern Canada of the absolute necessity for drastic reduction of farmers' debts and of Western indebtedness in general.

It is contained in an article in *The Financial Post* of Toronto, from which we quote briefly on the front page of this issue. The article is far too long to print in full. It was written by the *Post's* Edmonton editor, but the views expressed are supported elsewhere by what is to be regarded as official editorial comment from the Toronto office.

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What the *Post* has recently discovered, the farmers of the West knew years ago. Farmers' convention after farmers' convention in Alberta and elsewhere stressed the obvious when they declared that the burden of debt is too heavy for Western Agriculture to bear. But the "dramatic gesture" from creditor interests did not come. It is now, as the *Post* itself admits, three years overdue.

Sheer force of circumstances has brought recognition of facts which representatives of the farm movement—elected representatives and officers—presented to unheeding creditor interests, the *Post's* special clientele, in the earlier depression years.

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It is due to the unprofitable conditions in the agricultural industry that the debt burdens of Governments have been growing. How colossal their growth has been is illustrated by the following figures which the Toronto newspaper quotes from the Elliott-Walker report on Alberta. They represent the percentages of current income that went for debt charges in each of the three Prairie Provinces five years ago and in the last year for which figures are fully available:

Alberta

1930-31.....38.2 per cent
1934-35.....52 per cent

Saskatchewan

1930-31.....27.4 per cent
1934-35.....51 per cent

Manitoba

1930-31.....25.7 per cent
1934-35.....47.5 per cent

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HIDDEN RESERVES

While the farmers' debts have been piling up, a great Canadian business

organization which has enjoyed the favor of protective tariff measures enacted by successive Dominion Governments, Liberal and Conservative, has been maintaining high prices to the consumer, evading taxation, and piling up large reserves which were hidden from the shareholders as well as from income tax authorities.

The revelations concerning the business practices of Canadian Cottons, Ltd., are discussed briefly by Mr. Eggleston in his Ottawa despatch. It appears, from other evidence, that this corporation has been carrying on these practices for more than 20 years. In 1920 the hidden reserve reached a total of \$2,300,000, dipping to \$700,000 in the following year, and varying since that time between \$1,500,000 and \$2,500,000. At the end of March, 1936, the amount was \$2,300,000, compared with \$1,800,000 in 1934.

In 1934-35 the company showed a net profit of only \$152,000, which figure was arrived at after the secret reserves had been increased by almost \$400,000.

The operations of Canadian Cottons, Limited, have now been exposed. The question arises, Has this practice been confined to one corporation, or has it been extensively followed?

The Turgeon Commission, we hope, will find out.

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THE UNITED GRAIN GROWERS

The United Grain Growers, Ltd., whose annual meeting was held in Calgary recently, holds a most prominent place in Western Canadian agriculture. Its formation, 20 years ago, was brought about by the amalgamation of two farm organizations which had been in the field—the Grain Growers Grain Company, formed ten years previously, and the Alberta Co-operative Elevator Company, organized at a later date. They represented the pioneer effort of the farm people to cope with monopolistic tendencies in grain marketing. The company was an important factor in the rectifying of many grave abuses.

Though in later years the attention of grain growers was directed to the development of the pooling principle, resulting in formation of the three Provincial Wheat Pools, it is a matter of interest to all agriculturists that many local and provincial leaders of the farm movement, though sympathetic

WILL BRITISH SELF-RESPECT REVIVE?

(New Statesman, London)

The *Times*, representing the new British habit of always championing the upper dog, suggests that, since Franco is apparently not to cede any Spanish possessions to Germany or Italy and so weaken our position in the Mediterranean, we too can join with Germany and Italy in recognizing his Government.

Fascism advances while the popular forces wait. Much harm has been done by the assumption both here and on the Continent that the British Government would support and lead the democratic cause in Europe. In fact, it does not like Fascism, but from a mixture of fear and class feeling it acts very much in the way that Fascists would desire it to act.

Equally serious, as we have seen over the Spanish situation, is the failure of the Socialist parties to unite and stand firmly for their principles. Labor here has at length awakened, but it slept far too long.

There is a mood of defeatism which is unnecessary and disastrous. The Fascist program which we have detailed above is far from realization. Dictators have a habit of over-reaching themselves and their unity may not stand the test of success. Their voices drown any others in their own countries, and the millions of bayonets of which they boast would no doubt respond enthusiastically to a call to arms. But we doubt whether either of our Fascist leaders is ready or anxious for the war which they tell us is the best proof of manhood.

Can Fascism rely on its common people in the event of a military reverse? Abyssinia and Spain—these are mere adventures. Russia, even if France is bought off, is a very different matter, and Poland, now again in the French rather than the German orbit, is always anti-German whatever its nominal diplomatic arrangements. Most important of all is the possibility or, we believe, the probability, of a revival of British self-respect. Perhaps Sir Oswald Mosley will do us the service of uniting against him and the foreign notions he stand for those who cherish some of the Englishman's traditional belief in liberty. The Labor Party has not so far seized its opportunity but some of its leaders are showing new signs of awareness and courage.

A national Popular Front may grow in England in spite of official discouragement, and it may include decent people of any or no political party. For it is not only the nominal "Left" which is ashamed of our recent foreign policy and ashamed that we should ever see in England signs of that racial intolerance and political thuggery which has reduced Europe to its present chaos. The *Times* does not represent England. Nor do our present political leaders.

We look for an English leader who despises Fascism and can call with authority to the best in England—and we may yet find him.

to and actually interested in the new development, have nevertheless maintained their association with the company and regard it as a valuable asset of the movement. The company's representatives are in attendance at all important conventions of the farm people, and take a consistent interest in the primary farm organizations. They have frequently assisted in fostering consumer co-operative activities among the farmers, and also other phases of marketing, especially in the field of livestock.

President Gardiner Addresses Meetings Many Alberta Points

Now on Tour of Districts in South
and Central Alberta with
Directors

During a tour of rural communities in central and southern Alberta which commenced two weeks ago and is still continuing, President Robert Gardiner of the U.F.A. has addressed many gatherings of farm people. His tour has aroused widespread interest, and at many points visited the attendance has been large.

Mr. Gardiner's tour commenced at a meeting at Lauderdale, near Castor, and he spoke subsequently at Stettler, Myrna and at Plesington church. He was accompanied by J. E. Brown, director for Camrose, at these meetings.

Passing to Southern Alberta, Mr. Gardiner spoke to a well attended meeting at Picture Butte, accompanied by W.W. Scott, director, at Lethbridge, where he was greeted by a large crowd when he addressed the Southminster United Church Men's Club, and at the Taber Provincial U.F.A. Convention which is reported in this issue. Mr. Scott and J. M. Wheatley, U.F.A. director for Medicine Hat, accompanied him on this occasion, and Mr. Wheatley and M. H. Ward, director for Macleod, at a meeting at Berrywater, near Vulcan, where the hall was packed to the doors.

Mr. Gardiner's engagements this week included meetings at Rainier, Scandia and Gem, Balzac, Wayne (to be held today, Friday), Standard (Saturday). Mr. Wheatley accompanied him and at Balzac, George E. Church, U.F.A. Director for Bow River, welcomed the President and took part in the proceedings. Mr. Church will accompany him to other points.

Signs Now Point to Stronger Movement, Declares Gardiner

Stirring Appeal for Membership
Made by Wheatley at Taber
U.F.A. Convention

President Robert Gardiner, Hon. J. J. McLellan, and J. M. Wheatley, U.F.A. Director, were speakers at the recent convention of the U.F.A. in Taber constituency, held at Taber November 13th. Mr. Wheatley made a stirring appeal to the members present to work for increased membership in the organization, and Mr. McLellan urged thinking in the traditional social and economic ideals of the U.F.A.

Mr. Gardiner prefaced his main address with a reference to the condition of the U.F.A. movement; though it had lost in numbers and influence within the past year or two, signs now pointed to its emergence before long in a much stronger condition. Speaking with regret of the cessation of the official organ, he paid a tribute to W. Norman Smith, editor of the former *The United Farmer* and of the present *Western Farm Leader*.

"Down to Brass Tacks"

Coming to economic matters, Mr. Gardiner maintained that the time had come for "getting down to brass tacks" in thinking and speaking. He gave a detailed exposition of the functions and qualities of coinage and of paper money, and of the issuance of bank notes; such issuance was regulated by law, based on the assets of the bank and was not done by the indiscriminate use of a printing press.

Referring to Major Douglas' analysis of economic maladjustment as due to lack of purchasing power, Mr. Gardiner declared that "there is only one way to increase purchasing power and that is by producing more goods—or more wealth". He praised Douglas'

Demand Wheat Board Be Given Power to Handle Marketing of All Wheat

Demanding that the Federal Government "implement the primary intention of Parliament" in establishing the Wheat Board, by proclaiming the discretionary clauses of the act and giving the Board full power to purchase all wheat and control its marketing and "licensing and operating" of all elevators, the Sturgeon U.F.A. Provincial Convention, held at Horse Hills community hall, called for an initial price to be set which "will permit the Board to purchase all produced wheat at a price commensurate to the costs of production", to the end that "marketing of farmers' wheat shall be taken over from the hands of the institution known as the grain exchange as a national responsibility." The resolution was unanimous.

Natural Products Marketing Act

Another resolution called upon Federal and Provincial Governments, within their respective spheres of jurisdiction, to enact legislation "to carry into effect the intent of the Natural Products Marketing Act, and thus make possible the organized control by the farmers of the domestic and export sale of their own products."

The resolution stated that "the situation in respect of livestock, dairy, poultry and many other products, as evidenced by falling prices in the cases of many of these products at a time of increasing production costs," and the need for control to secure uniformity of quality and continuity of supply, warrants the proposed action.

The Convention also went on record to the effect that "the United Farmers of Alberta should seek social and economic justice for the industry it represents, unhampered by any political affiliations." Co-operation was described as the proper means of reaching the movement's objectives.

Glen Storie, president, who was in the chair, was re-elected, as was R. Goddard, secretary, other officers being Mrs. Cavanaugh, first vice-president, and the other member of the executive, H. Spears, with a board of directors.

Alfred Speakman, manager of the Edmonton district farmers' co-operative, addressed the convention. The resolutions were prepared on instructions of the convention by a committee consisting of James Bentley, J. R. Love and Mrs. Cavanaugh. Evening speakers were Hon. J. E. Brownlee and R. M. McCool.

"Delegates," says Mr. Storie, "went home determined to keep the flag of the movement flying."

After speeding away from an R.C. M.P. officer who ordered them to stop and sent a shower of bullets after them, three Lethbridge lads were run to earth near Frank, with a car stolen in Macleod.

definition of credit as "the ability to produce and deliver goods and services as, when and where required." Anyone who could produce could create the basis of credit; and it could not be transferred, not even to the Government. Credit could not be used to pay for goods, declared Mr. Gardiner; that required real wealth.

Mr. Gardiner answered two questions from members of Social Credit groups who were present.

Resolutions

Asking the Federal Government to appoint an additional Board of Review under the Farmers' Creditors Arrangement Act, in view of the large number of applications before the present Board, the convention also passed a resolution; another asked that the price of wheat be pegged at \$1.01, Fort William basis.

M. H. Hanna was re-elected president, A. E. Hempel and W. W. Scott vice-presidents; J. W. Leahy secretary. The board chosen is as follows: Messrs. J. R. Fletcher, Hudson, Purcell, F. Christensen, Hinds, F. Metcalfe, J. W. Anderson, Ferguson and Perry. About one hundred were present.

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Guardian of Canadian Farms

The Life Story of Toyohiko Kagawa

By HELEN TOPPING

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IN the last chapter the author completed her description of the seven forms of Co-operation whose adoption is urged by Kagawa. She outlined the contents of Kagawa's novel, portraying conditions in starving Japanese villages and the reconstruction which brought about greatly improved conditions. This novel has been filmed, and has been used for purposes of co-operative education in the United States.

CHAPTER XVI.

In contrast to the exaggerated and artificial relations between social workers and relief recipients that everybody is talking about now, and that are one of the most serious problems in this present situation for religious people, there is the story of the head of Kagawa's co-operative hospital in Tokyo.

This man, a children's specialist at the top of his profession and in the prime of life, told us on the opening day of the hospital why he had gone into it. He had been the head of the children's bureau of the Tokyo medical social service department, and had been getting a good salary with a perfectly secure position for life. But he said he had been sixteen or seventeen years in medical social service, and he had found that he simply could not fulfill his professional

life purpose on the old charity basis. He said that the great majority of the folks who needed him had too much self-respect to come on the dole. They would let their children die first.

On the other hand, the minority who did come were demoralized psychologically by the acceptance of charity. They lost their self-respect, and while their children's bodies were getting better their homes were getting worse.

In order to fulfill his fundamental life purpose as a professional man, and also because he had received the Christian motivation during his student days through the Y.M.C.A. in his medical university, he resigned his good salary and came into the precarious new hospital adventure of the Co-operative Movement.

But in a few days we found it was

Correspondence

Interest in the correspondence columns increases with every issue. Letters dealing with the subject of the farm movement and political action are published elsewhere. Below we print a selection from letters concerning Mrs. Heath's article, "No Country Is Safe From Danger." Others will be printed later. In view solely of space limitations we regretfully ask future writers on this subject to make their letters brief.—Editor.

GRAND BUT NOT PRACTICAL

Editor, *The Western Farm Leader*:

While I agree with much that is said in Miss Archibald's and Mr. Hanson's well written replies to Mrs. Heath's article, there is one point of difference that I would like to raise. Miss Archibald challenges, "If anyone knows of a better way to attain peace than for Organized Youth to refuse to participate in any European squabble, directly or indirectly, let us have it." Mr. Hanson echoes this pure War Resistance stand when he says, "No soldiers, no war—a fact so simple, so elementary that to some the issues seem silly and childish."

Nay, to end war is not so simple as

not so precarious. Not only the waiting rooms but also the halls of the little hospital were crowded by mothers and babies, with all sorts of patients waiting to see one or another of the physicians of the complete expert medical unit which had been installed. It was the happiest place in Tokyo.

Before Kagawa started that co-operative hospital in Tokyo there had been ten small rural medical co-operatives in existence for some years, which had tested and proved the method in Japan. Then came the great depression, and 2,321 population areas with 5,000 people in each were deserted by the doctors because they could no longer make a living in them under the old hit-or-miss profit system. The patients simply did not pay fees. In many other areas preventive medicine had ceased to exist. The byword was: "The doctor has gone to so-and-so's today—there will be a funeral there next week"; the reason being that the people had become so poor they simply could not afford to call the doctor until the patient was actually dying.

This despite the fact that there are seventeen big medical universities in Japan turning out physicians trained in modern medicine every year. There are plenty of good physicians even for the large population, but the old system of distribution had broken down. So Kagawa started the hospital in Tokyo, and because Japan is very Tokyo-minded many others sprang up quickly.

There are now at least sixty-seven of these hospitals, recognized by the government as co-operatives, and a hundred more places in which they are in various stages of formation. They have reduced what the farmer has to pay for his annual doctoring from 28 per cent to 9 per cent of his annual average income, and restored preventive medicine to the rural districts in many of the most poverty-stricken regions.

(Next Chapter: Kagawa overcomes opposition of physicians to co-operative hospitals. Co-operative hospitals are growing in number in North America. Comparison between Kagawa and Gandhi.)

Another attempt to regulate private-profit business failed when the U.S. Congress defeated in its last session a new food and drug bill designed to prevent the manufacture, shipment and sale of adulterated or incorrectly branded foods, drugs and cosmetics; and to prevent false advertising of these products.

that. The passion, the confidence in an ideal that enables a person to refuse to fight at any cost is, I believe, far superior to much lauded patriotism. I believe it is better to die to save the lives of those who have been deceived into fighting for a wrong cause than to die to slay them.

If Causes Untouched

But while War Resistance is grand it is not practical. How are you to get a majority of the Youth of the World to respond to the call of War Resistance when the causes of war remain untouched? How, when the Youth of Russia are reared in an atmosphere of horror of a capitalistic invasion can you induce them to refuse to fight when the rallying cry is raised, "Save Russia from bourgeois thugs"; or induce the Youth of Germany, driven to almost any sacrifice by the flame of that great hate inspired by Hitler, to fail to answer the call, "Save Germany from Jews and Reds"?

No, something more is needed than pure War Resistance. We must not only take a passive defensive stand against War, but an active offensive one. We must not only strive to control the means of war (although that is most essential) but to remove the causes of war. To do this we must learn to love and trust all peoples and to hate none. Then we must preach the gospel of love. We must do our best to convince ourselves; i.e. Canadian Youth, that other peoples are like us, deserving to be sympathized with for individual shortcomings rather than to be hated and despised as nations for them.

Economic Forces

Then we must contact the Youth of other countries, both through our organizations and individually by correspondence, to establish that mutual understanding and friendship which destroy fear and hate. And even this is not enough. We must go further and root out of our economic and social systems forces of fear and hate replacing them with those of security and common purpose.

When all this is done we will surely have conquered war. It is a colossal task, but we must face it or else the ever recurring danger of war. Yet it is not as difficult as war resistance in the face of the fears and hates that start a war. Also, when achieved, the victory is even greater, as not only war is destroyed but its very driving force. Hence I claim to have offered a better plan than Miss Archibald's.

Hoping that you will grant even more space to this vital subject, Mr. Editor.

I thank you,

LESLIE E. DRAYTON.
R.R.1, Picardville, Alta.

ONLY ROAD TO PEACE

Editor, *The Western Farm Leader*:

No one could read the article "No Country Is Safe From Danger" in your issue of October 16th without appreciating very much its sincerity, and the spirit in which it was written, and in replying I feel convinced that on one point we are all in one accord, viz: that all wars are contrary to the teachings of Christ.

Not "Blindly"

If this is so, perhaps some of the youth of today who declare they will take no part in War, may be what was termed during the last War, "conscientious objectors," and as such I hardly think we should accuse them of saying *blindly*, "I will not fight," for if they are following the dictation of their conscience, they are but following their path of duty; and as one who knew many both old and young "conscientious objectors" during 1914-1918, can at least vouch for it that their real love of country was as great as could be found in the firing line and their fear and heroism as solid as that of any who went over the top.

But this of course is very controversial and maybe is a point on which we may agree to differ, for the article as I read it was written with the sole purpose of getting one and all in future to work not so much to prevent war,

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The Four Proposals

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Now each and all of these proposals are excellent, and one might debate the pros and cons indefinitely, but I venture to say, if each or all are put into effect tomorrow they will neither prevent war nor promote peace, for it is useless to cry Peace when there is no Peace.

In my humble opinion, not one, or all of these suggestions is a cure for this world's ill. Each may be termed a panacea, not one nor all get to the root bottom of the sickness we are suffering from; it is this sickness which is the cause of war, we must assuredly remove the cause.

Only One Solution

I for one know of no better suggestion to offer than for us all to stand shoulder to shoulder, never deviating one iota from the path we have mapped out, never to be satisfied until we have convinced the masses that the only solution lies in a Co-operative Commonwealth.

When the masses see clearly that the canker we are suffering from today is "Man's inhumanity to man," when each and all from the bottom of their hearts offer up a prayer, (in Abou Ben Adhem's words) "Write me as one who loves his fellowman," then and then only will this world be a fit place for Democracy to live in; then and not till then, will the war drums cease.

Should this be a clarion call to any, my last words to such shall be Fellow co-operator, "Aim high and God speed the mark."

GEORGE K. MacSHANE
Parkwood, Bowden.

FACTS TO BE FACED

Editor, *The Western Farm Leader*:

Commenting on your recent article "No Country is Safe" it takes courage to express the view that Mrs. Heath has set forth in this article. That the author is a woman is perhaps doubly significant.

Since receiving his discharge from the army in 1919 the writer has followed the policy of allowing the younger element to forget military affairs as much as possible.

Can't Escape by Ignoring

The possibility of war is a serious blot on our civilization, to say the least, but it is a fact that has to be recognized and we can not solve it or escape from it by ignoring or condemning it.

What is war? It is a resort to organized brute force, aided by all the inventions of science, after international law has broken down. The direct cause of a war may be obscure, the fixing of responsibility for its beginning may be well-nigh impossible. Perhaps the most logical point of view would be to consider it a universal mental disease. Practically every country on earth fears it and the fact that a few small nations have escaped invasion for several centuries does not prove that defensive measures are unnecessary.

While the desire for peace is a deep-rooted sentiment, the nations of the world lack a sense of direction in applying it, and love of country is a sentiment as old as humanity itself.

No Reflection on Veterans

In recent years I have frequently read with some misgivings, reports of women's and young people's conventions passing resolutions to the effect that they will refuse to fight for their country. These resolutions are probably actuated by the most altruistic motives and I do not consider them in any sense a reflection on us war veterans as Mrs. Heath seems to suggest.

However, such resolutions are in effect the height of folly. Instead of promoting the cause of peace they serve rather to retard it. These people are simply announcing to the

OIL CO-OPERATIVE WHOLESALE BUYS \$135,000 WHAREOUSE IN MILWAUKEE



(Co-operative League News Service)

MINNEAPOLIS, Nov. 18th.—Midland Co-operative Wholesale took another step in its expansion program with the purchase of a new branch warehouse, oil compounding plant and district headquarters (shown above) to serve co-operatives in central and southern Wisconsin. The newly acquired branch warehouse, located in Milwaukee, was appraised some time ago at \$135,000.

The rented quarters used since the branch warehouse was opened a year ago have already grown inadequate for the volume of business transacted there. At present about 50 co-operative associations can be served from Milwaukee more economically than from Minneapolis and the number is increasing monthly. Ten new associations have been added in the territory already this year. In 1935 the Wisconsin co-ops. purchased over \$600,000 worth of gasoline and other products from Midland. This year's purchases are expected to pass the million dollar mark.

Midland Co-operative Wholesale reported that business for the first six months of this year in Minnesota and Wisconsin totalled \$1,342,000, an increase of 39 per cent over the same period in 1935. Twenty new co-operative associations have affiliated with Midland during the past year, making a total of 163 retail co-operative associations served by the Wholesale.

rest of the world that they are doing their best to make their country a defenseless victim of any aggressor who wishes to invade it.

Never Did or Will

"If all the youth of all the countries in the world would refuse—" but they never did and never will. The armies of the last war contained thousands of men who had previously declared they would never carry arms.

In March, 1919, 180 men from my own community were drafted to the 46th battalion. Three weeks later I found time to go and visit them, but could find only three men of the 180, a half-breed, a Mennonite and a Quaker. These three men were educated to regard war as an abomination, two of them were expressly forbidden by religious principle to engage in it, yet their sense of duty had compelled them to enlist.

The writer once engaged in debate with a group of Socialists who advocated passive resistance to the military program of the U.S. Government on the ground that it served only to enrich the financial interests. It was pointed out to them that by so doing they were making the U.S.A. vulnerable to the depredation of capitalism through the instrument of Japanese militarism. They saw the point and had no argument to refute it.

In recent years the Government has been severely criticised for spending the meagre sum of a few millions per year on national defense. Our own U.F.A., of which the writer is a veteran supporter, have done their full share of it. This mistaken policy has left Canada with a defense force next to nil, with the possibility of an attack on the British Empire in the not far distant future.

If armaments is a racket, as many seem to think, the profit should be confiscated by the national government, by some method, of which there are several that could be applied.

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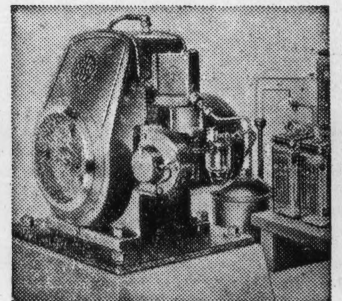
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Current News from Near and Far

PROVINCIAL

J. A. Carswell, former mayor of Red Deer, died last Friday.

Some 700 people attended a meeting of the People's League in Calgary last week.

Relief recipients in Alberta last month totalled 53,297, or 2,374 more than in September.

W. P. Beaupre of Onoway, Alberta's oldest postmaster, died Sunday at the age of 85.

Only four relief recipients at Wayne took up the option of taking \$5 worth of their allowances in scrip on Saturday.

Provincial insurance business totaling \$7,781,092 has been placed with Lloyd's, existing policies being cancelled.

Miss Annie Kieryluk, young school-teacher in the Vegreville district, was found drowned in the well at the teacherage where she lived alone.

School inspectors in the Lethbridge district are working on a plan for organization of "county" or larger units for school administration.

The "Citizens" made a clean sweep of the Edmonton Municipal elections last week, all their candidates being successful. Neither Labor nor Social Credit won a single seat.

Turning down a proposal that they should return to work pending the report from a conciliation board in ten days, some 450 miners at Cadomin continued their strike on Saturday.

Following a parade of about two hundred single unemployed men on Eighth Avenue, Calgary, during which they marched in and out of the Hudson's Bay Store, police arrested eight on charges of unlawful assembly.

Under the new Alberta Recall Act, steps are being taken by Social Creditors of Taber towards recalling James Hansen, Social Credit M.L.A. for the constituency, whom the constituency association has disowned.

Following installation of Dr. W. A. R. Kerr as President of the University of Alberta, Dr. W. H. Alexander was made dean of the faculty of arts and sciences, and Prof. Sonet head of the department of modern languages.

The Provincial Government not having seen its way to accept his offer and employ him in any capacity, R. Halliday Thompson, leader of the Social Credit Party in Great Britain (Greenshirt section of the British Social Credit movement), is returning to the Old Country. One of his objects was to study and report to London on the economic situation here in relation to Social Credit.

After being lost in the bush three days and looked for by search parties numbering 150 men in all, young Dick Switzer, aged 17, of Edson, found his way back to the cabin whence he had set out hunting.

Carl Schvests, who had been "queer" since his displacement as section foreman at Tieland, north of Edmonton, ran amok and killed his successor, Carl Nelson, Mrs. Nelson and their small son, and two other men, and then killed himself.

The total deficit of the Province, including telephone deficit, for the year ending March 31st, 1936, was \$1,939,595 according to the Public Accounts recently issued. Liquor profits amounted to \$1,802,206. Of a total of \$5,317,849 unemployment relief costs, the Province provided \$2,082,608, the Dominion \$1,528,797 and the Municipalities \$1,537,448.

DOMINION

Sam McBride, veteran mayor of Toronto, died on Saturday.

After being lost in the mountains for eighteen days, three hunters from Corbin, B.C., were located by aeroplane on Tuesday.

Much sincere effort to improve conditions of the working classes was being misrepresented as Communism, stated the Prime Minister, Hon. W. L. MacKenzie King, at Ottawa.

Three of the contenders for the \$500,000 "stork derby" award under the Millar will are planning to leave Toronto to appear in vaudeville in American cities.

Freedom of the press is the greatest protection of democracy, but it is always linked with responsibility, said President Cody of the University of Toronto recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Angus MacInnis have recently returned from a three-months' tour of the Scandinavian countries. Mr. MacInnis is the C.C.F. Member of Parliament for Vancouver East.

Presenting the case for capitalism, H. J. Child, chairman of the Montreal Stock Exchange, recently concluded a tour of the West, in which he addressed Boards of Trade and similar bodies.

Full details of the home improvement and repairs plan by which the Federal Government hopes to absorb unemployed in useful work will shortly be published, announced Hon. Norman Rogers in Calgary last week.

Since September 1st some 20,000 head of feeder cattle have been shipped from drought areas in the West to farms in Eastern Canada, under the Federal Department of Agriculture's scheme, it is announced.

Arising over the will of Mrs. Ambrose Small, action before the Supreme Court has been begun in an attempt to prove that Ambrose Small, who disappeared 17 years ago, was murdered and that Mrs. Small was an accessory.

Dividends paid by the International Nickle Company of Canada, Ltd., for the first nine months of 1936 totalled over \$13,000,000, or an increase of 80 per cent over the same period last year. Nickle is in great demand for rearmament purposes the world over.

WORLD

Five members of the U.S. Congress who were singled out for special attack by Father Coughlin were re-elected. They are described in a despatch from Washington as progressive Democrats.

A German-Japanese military treaty has been concluded, says a report from Moscow.

Dividends paid this year by eight leading Du Pont corporations aggregated \$184,000,000.

Madame Schumann-Heink, world famous operatic and concert singer, died in California on Tuesday night, at the age of 75.

A record number of insured workers are now listed in Great Britain—11,103,000—more than half a million greater than a year ago.

From 12,000 applicants, 2,400 young Britons have been accepted for training as military air pilots in the past year.

That some British armaments would be supplied from Canada was the hope expressed by Premier Baldwin last week.

Representatives of American farm organizations, meeting the Secretary of Agriculture since the elections to consider crop insurance, demanded the reinstatement of the AAA.

Following the Presidential general election, Father Coughlin has announced his retirement from politics, and dissolution of his "League for Social Justice."

Refusal of mill owners of the request of textile workers for a 14 per cent wage increase may bring a strike in the Lancashire cotton industry before the end of the year.

The U.S. Congress has imposed two new taxes under the Social Security Act, to build up funds for pensions. It is estimated that payments will be made from this fund in 1942 of about \$53,000,000.

Eyre and Spottiswoode, printers of official British Government publications, and usually referred to as "His Majesty's Printers," are publishing propaganda on the order of General Franco's rebel forces.

Dr. Norman Bethune gave up an \$8000 job as head surgeon at the Sacred Heart Hospital, Montreal, to go to the assistance of the Spanish people. He is now in Spain in charge of a Canadian medical unit with the forces of the constitutional Government. Six other Canadian doctors also volunteered their services.

In ten days early this month a grand total of \$160,000,000 in special and increased dividends were declared by American corporations. Further evidence of growing prosperity, in some quarters at least, is found in the report that on November 1st stocks listed on the New York Exchange were valued at 274 per cent more than in July, 1932. So great are the profits in some American industries this year that in some cases voluntary wage increases are being made.

Senora de Palencia, Spanish correspondent of the London Daily Herald, who has just received word of her appointment as Minister of the constitutional Government of Spain to Sweden, Senor Marcelino Domingo, Minister of Education in the first republican government formed in 1931, and Senora Domingo, and Father Sarazola, author and priest from the Basque Province which has been given its autonomy, were received with great enthusiasm by a large audience in the Grand Theatre, Calgary, when they spoke as a delegation from the Government. More than \$360 was raised in a few minutes for support of the Canadian Medical unit with the Madrid Government forces, when an appeal was made from the platform.

Coming Conventions

Lethbridge Federal U.F.A. Convention will be held in Lethbridge on Friday, November 27th. Hon. J. E. Brownlee will speak.

Bow River Federal Convention will be held in Calgary on Monday, January 18th, the day before the Annual Provincial Convention.

Says Alberta Will Soon

Be First Province in Hog Production in the Dominion

Expressing the opinion that Alberta, now second in hog production, will soon be first among the Provinces of Canada, J. S. McLean, president of Canada Packers, Ltd., added that when this occurs "all the packing-house facilities in Edmonton will be less than sufficient to handle the hogs."

The statement was made at the official opening by Mayor Clarke of the new \$1,000,000 packing house erected by Canadian Packers in Edmonton, which was attended by five hundred guests, including members of the Alberta Cabinet, civic officials, heads of various livestock organizations and representatives of the wholesale and retail meat trade. Premier Aberhart addressed the gathering.

The new plant is equipped with the most modern machinery, and will have a killing capacity of 4,500 hogs weekly, besides cattle, sheep and lambs.

Military aeroplanes, heavy artillery and tanks were used in a Japanese attack against Chinese near Taolin, it is reported from Peiping.

British Labor spokesmen are bitterly critical of Premier Baldwin's recent confession that he knew in 1933 that Germany was busily rearming, but kept the knowledge to himself for fear it would militate against his party's success in the 1935 elections.

Far-reaching changes in the cotton industry may result from a new cotton-picking machine, tried out in Mississippi during the past season. Cotton men state that when it is perfected it will displace hundreds of thousands of cotton pickers, and will eliminate small farmers by making the large farms the only economic units.

While there have been atrocities on both sides in the Spanish conflict, stated Senora de Palencia, Spanish Government delegate, in Calgary, the Madrid Government has from the beginning sought to prevent them, whereas the savage Moorish troops who are being used in the invasion are given "the right" to do as they please in any places occupied by them, and that right includes the worst offences against women.

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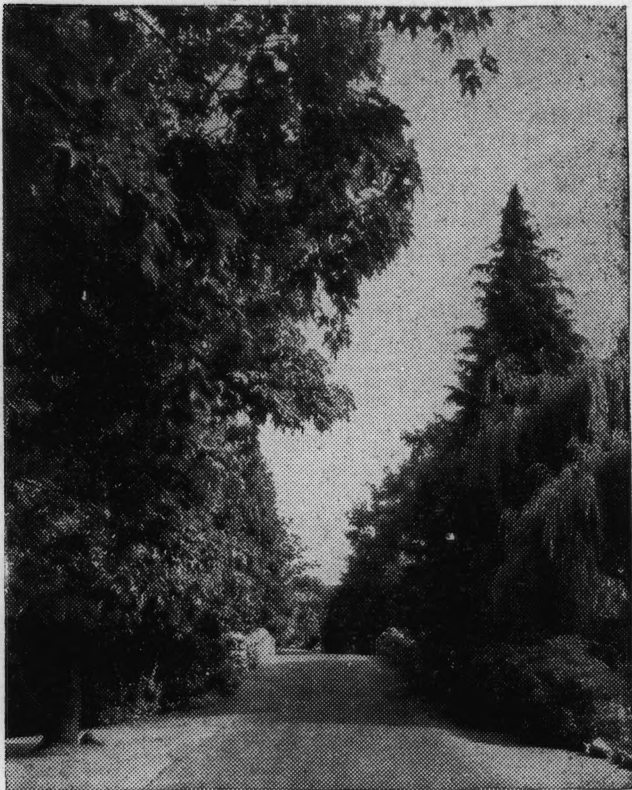


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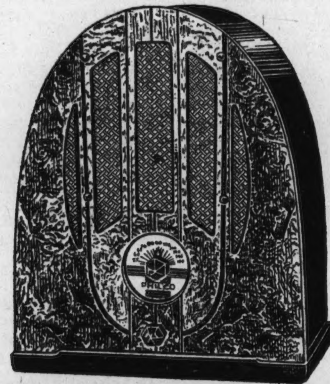
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CO-OPERATION AND PEACE

By Mrs. RUSSELL JOHNSTON, Helmsdale

Numerous letters discussing Mrs. Heath's recent article "No Country Is Safe From Danger," have been received. Some of them are printed in our correspondence section. Mrs. Russell Johnston, whose article is published below, sees in the conversion of our economic life from a competitive to a co-operative basis the only permanent means of establishing peace.

I was very much interested in the article, "No Country Is Safe From Danger" by Mrs. Beatrice E. Heath, which appeared in the October 16th issue of your paper.

I believe that our aim must be an organized plan for peace and I am in favor of the principles enumerated by Mrs. Heath in the latter part of her letter. But while I believe we must work through the League of Nations, I am now convinced, due to recent world events, that the League can not be an effective organ for peace until at least the more powerful nations of the world are socialized and are willing to work together on a co-operative rather than a competitive basis.

Exploiting Patriotism

I beg to differ with Mrs. Heath's ideas on patriotism. Patriotism may or may not be a fine emotion. As long as we have our present economic system and wars are profitable to the powerful financiers, they will capitalize even the fine unselfish ideals of the people. Through the medium of the capitalistic press, the public platform, the radio, etc., patriotic love soon becomes patriotic hate of the supposed enemy and instead of a fine emotion we have an evil emotion. Mrs. Heath in her article says, "Man's love of country has no rhyme or reason—" But love should have reason and be founded on knowledge, truth, and justice. We should have Christian personal standards and be loyal to our country as long as she lives up to those standards.

Teaching Patriotism

Mrs. Heath says, "Personally I do not believe you can teach patriotism." I know that we can teach patriotism. As I entered high school in 1919 the latter part of my public school education was obtained during the war

years. Patriotism was certainly taught in the schools and homes and was in fact the great mass emotion of that day. It came as an entirely new thought to me when a few years later a fellow teacher said she was opposed to teaching patriotism.

In my opinion, instead of teaching love of country, as it is taught in the schools of practically all countries of the world today, we should teach love of humanity. We should teach the children co-operation and brotherly love applied to those in their own immediate circle and apply the same principles to the peoples of the world. An intimate knowledge of the people of other countries, their customs and the conditions under which they live, will help to foster sympathy and brotherly love.

It is true that we may not be absolutely right in teaching youth to say, "I will not fight." But is it not a better mass emotion than patriotic hate? Our aim must be world organization that will ensure peace, but in the meantime we must educate to create the desired mass emotion. What shall that emotion be?

Farm Home and Garden

From far distant countries have come our recipes for this week—from Italy, Russia, and Germany. Sometimes the cookery of other nations strikes us as "outlandish" but these dishes will appeal to almost everyone.

Spaghetti: Cook for 10 minutes, in salted, boiling water, about half a package of spaghetti, without breaking it up. Drain, and rinse in cold water, then set back on the stove to heat again; set aside. Meantime, brown a small onion, minced, in 1 cup of melted butter (Italians use cooking oil); add salt, pepper, paprika, and 2 cups canned tomatoes; then stir in half a pound of hamburger, and let cook slowly for 15 minutes. Put the spaghetti on a platter, pour over the hamburger and tomato mixture, and sprinkle with grated cheese.

Bortsch: Make a strong beef stock; to three pints add 2 large cooked beets, and 2 parboiled onions, chopped; boil five minutes; add 2 tablespoons sour cream and salt.

Apfelkuchen: Rub 1/3 cup butter into 2-1/3 cups flour, sifted with a little salt, 2 teaspoons baking powder and 1/4 cup sugar; stir in 1 beaten egg mixed with 3 tablespoons water and 1 tablespoon vinegar; roll out like piecrust, in one piece, and lay in a deep pie-dish. Fill with six apples, thinly sliced, 3/4 cup sugar, and 1 teaspoon cinnamon. Pour over the apples 1 egg beaten with 1/2 cup thin cream and a little vanilla; and fold the pastry edges over all. Have the oven quite hot for the first few minutes, then continue baking in a slow oven until apples are soft.

Honey Bran Muffins: When you want a muffin that is really "NEW," try this: 1-1/4 cups sifted flour; 1-1/2 teaspoons double-acting baking powder; 1/2 teaspoon soda; 1/2 teaspoon salt; 4 tablespoons honey; 3/4 cup buttermilk or sour milk; 1 egg, well beaten; 3 tablespoons melted butter; 1 cup of any good Bran Flakes. Sift flour once, measure, add baking powder, soda, and salt, and sift again. Combine honey, milk, egg,

Why Farm Women Must Pay Big Prices

By AMELIA TURNER

Farm women, who are "managing" year after year with inadequately stocked linen closets and wishing their butter-and-egg money would stretch to pay for more sheets and pillow cases and more towels, wonder sometimes at the high prices of these commodities.

Perhaps one explanation may be found in the financial history of the Wabasso Cotton Company, one of the chief Canadian makers of cotton goods. Their affairs were up for examination before the Turgeon Textile Commission recently. Mr. Eggleston's article in this issue describes some of the most important of the revelations.

After questioning their officials and studying their records, the commission's attorney submitted that the whole amount of cash put into the firm since its organization in 1907 was \$138,000. On this small capital revenues amounted, up to June, 1925, to \$4,070,823.

Was this huge profit made out of the brains, foresight and industry of the shareholders who invested the \$138,000? On the contrary, the farm women will be justly inclined to believe that whatever was not contributed by the insufficient wages paid to the factory workers who wove the cotton and by the under-payment of the Southern farmers who grew it, came from the pockets of the Canadian housewives who paid big prices for the finished product.

A Personal Criticism

I never place any reliance

On items the newspapers print.
For instance they lavish on Science
A chorus of praise without stint.
For Science they claim is devoted
To easing the housekeeper's lot,
But much of the stuff that is quoted
Is all tommy-rot!

When wash-boards are all in museums,
Along with the irons called "sad",
Why then I may sing some te deums
To Science for making me glad.
No personal proof is forthcoming
That Science has me on its mind—
I lack elementary plumbing
And things of that kind!

Though Science gets oodles of praise for
The radio's cheer on the farm,
The farmer still painfully pays for
His set or is minus its charm.
The gadgets of Science will really
Be somewhat confined to the town,
Until it distributes them freely
With no dollar down!

ISA GRINDLAY JACKSON.

Activities of Farm Women's Locals

Cauley U.F.W.A. report that they have been holding monthly meetings with a good attendance.

After reading the October bulletin at the last meeting of Iron Creek U.F.W.A. (near Viking), the members decided to secure a list of books in the Frances Bateman Memorial Library and choose some for winter study. The Local plans to make a "Friendship Quilt" in the near future.

Eighteen U.F.W.A. Cook Books have been sold by Willow Springs U.F.W.A. and the secretary, Miss Martha Rafn, writes that they may be able to dispose of more. At the last meeting, held at the home of Mrs. A. E. Owen, it was decided to hold a chicken supper on November 20th.

High River U.F.W.A. had a "red letter day," reports Mrs. Thos. Allen, secretary, when Mrs. Price and Miss Archibald gave splendid talks; "an inspiration to the Local and to the Junior girls who were present." Earlier they had a successful tea and fashion show; and on another occasion joined with the men's Local to hear E. W. Brunson, of Calgary.

and butter. Add to flour, beating only enough to dampen all flour. Add Flakes. Turns into greased muffin pans; filling them 2/3 full. Bake in hot oven (400 degrees F.) 25 minutes. Makes 10 muffins.

The Western Farm Leader PATTERN DEPARTMENT

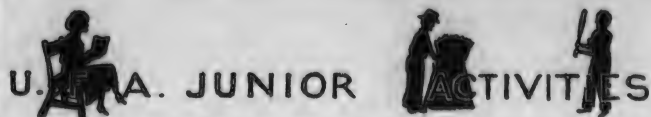


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Training Ourselves on the Farm

Dear Juniors:

It has been said that one of the aims of the Junior U.F.A. is to teach its members to take up a vocation. But it is not always as easy as that.

Most of us have an ambition to attend university, normal school, or study for one of various professions, but due to the depression and successive poor crops we are unable to do so.

What Is Responsible

What is responsible for these conditions? We cannot put our finger on any one factor. There are times when we feel that the whole world is against us, deterring our progress, destroying our ambitions. Let us not blame our parents for the state of affairs, and besides they are already overburdened with their own problems. So I say, let us be patient, perhaps next year will be better.

While we are required to remain at home we must continue to develop ourselves mentally. We can do this partly through our Junior U.F.A. Locals. Obtain books from the Department of Extension in Edmonton, or Central Office, Calgary, if you do not have the desired ones on hand. A chapter or two may be read at each meeting.

There are other ways in which we can improve our minds. Take an interest in the affairs of the world; read articles by well-known writers.

Let us keep on striving for our goal, and remember, it is always darkest just before the dawn.

Yours sincerely,

MARGARET E. SEMPLE,
Junior Director for Red Deer.

Junior News Items

Magnolia Juniors had for a roll call topic at their last meeting Hallows' Pranks; and for the next, Current Events. They have planned a program for meetings for the next two months, and allotted the various items to the members, writes Eleanor Gylander, secretary.

Five new members joined the East Milo Junior U.F.A. at the annual meeting recently. Ross Bertrand was elected president, Wayne Monner vice-president and Mary Shield secretary. Papers were given on the new School Act and the new school curriculum. At a meeting held to celebrate Thanksgiving, a paper on this subject was read, and at a dance funds were raised for the Junior treasury. Other arrangements some of which have been carried out, were for a social evening and a hard time masquerade. On November 14th discussion on Peace will be continued. Each member of the Local will make some article for a handicrafts exhibit in the spring, writes the secretary, Miss Nora Wainwright.

Adoption of a permanent program by the Alix Junior Local has worked much more smoothly than the old method of arranging it through a committee every three months, George Goldberg, secretary, reports in a letter to Central Office. This Local turned out in a body to help the agricultural society stage a fair, and as a result several of the best supporters of the Junior movement have been elected directors of the society.

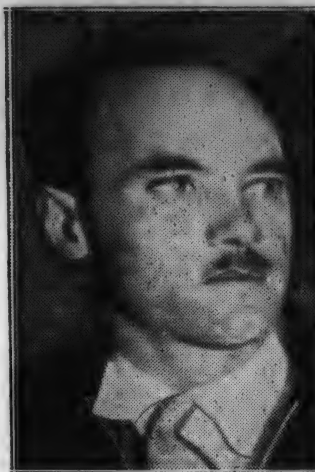
A prize has been offered for the best essay on the subject, "How \$20,000,000 could best help Alberta and our community." The plans for the contest are causing considerable discussion and the event promises to be a most interesting one.

Mr. Goldberg reports a fair crop of grain and abundance of hay and vegetables in the district, which, as he remarks, is something to be grateful for this season. The Local has been meeting regularly twice a month, and arranged a dance in August.

"Rearing Chicks—from the incubator to the laying pen or fattening crate" is the title of a newly issued pamphlet from the Poultry Division of the Experimental Farms Branch. Copies can be secured from the King's Printer, Ottawa.

Cotton seed—chiefly used for livestock feeds—constitutes from a fifth to a third of the value of the cotton growers' crop.

Awarded Nobel Prize



Carl David Anderson, Swedish-American doctor, who, jointly with Professor V. F. Hess, of Austria, was awarded the 1936 Nobel Prize in Physics. The award was made in recognition of Dr. Anderson's research work in cosmic rays, the X-ray and photo-electrons.

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CONSUMERS' VIEWPOINT AGAIN

Editor, *The Western Farm Leader*:

Protection is an old subject in Canada but study of the Consumer Co-operative Movement should enable us to regard it from a new angle.

Protection here consists of a special license to overcharge Canadian consumers, granted to particular groups of producers. Our attitude towards it is complicated by the fact that each one of us is both a consumer and a producer. We should consider carefully the universal extent of our consumption and the specialized nature of our production. We appreciate scarcity and high prices of the goods we are concerned with producing, and abundance and low prices of everything else we consume. It's about time now to discard the guidance of the producer viewpoint as anti-social and follow our consumer viewpoint in an effort to advance the interests of the human race, which includes all of us.

Licensed Robbers

Western farmers seem to have given up their clamor for the abolition of protection, and seem anxious now to extend its benefits to themselves. If they succeed we may have the strange spectacle of a nation of robbers each licensed to rob all the others.

It should not be difficult to organize effectively as consumers, because everyone is eligible and each consumes similar quantities of goods. The sole purpose of consumers' organization is to secure the greatest possible direct access to all goods, wherever they may be produced efficiently.

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no need to submit to exploitation by protected industries. The British Co-operatives have shown how to do large scale production with centralized administration operating under decentralized consumer control.

Two Ways Open

Canadian consumers have two ways open to avoid being exploited. They can buy from the British Co-operatives on a non-profit basis; or they can emulate them by entering the protected industries themselves, passing the benefits back to the consumer along with the goods.

The first essential is to put the consumers' viewpoint first and combine our individual resources for the purpose of supplying ourselves with all the goods we need. The combined resources would include capital from many, and labor from some (both at fair wages, of course); but the foundation of consumers' organizations is their combined buying power which makes them invincible.

Yours truly,

W. C. GIBBARD.

Okotoks, Alta:

Wage-earners' Share of the Consumers' Dollar

Wages of American industrial workers are not keeping pace with their increasing productive capacity, according to a survey made by the U.S. Census Bureau for President Roosevelt. In 19 leading industrial states, the survey shows, while the average production per employee increased from \$5,406 in 1933 to \$6,365 in 1935—nearly \$1,000—workers benefitted only by an average of \$164. In other words, of the increased production in the two-year period, the employers retained 83 cents of every dollar, passing on to the workers 17 cents.

Half British People Are Inadequately Fed

At least half the people of the British Isles do not get food in quality and quantity of "a desirable standard" according to the League of Nations mixed committee on malnutrition. The "desirable standard" was agreed upon, by twelve scientists of different nationalities, as fully adequate for health. Only an improvement in the general level of purchasing power, declared the committee's report, would remedy this situation; lowering of tariffs on foodstuffs, re-organization of distribution and better methods of production were also recommended.

HOW IT BEGAN By Paul F. Berdanier



RADIO

IN 1853 JAMES B. LINDSAY, SCOTTISH SCHOOLMASTER, SENT A WIRELESS WAVE ACROSS A 60-FOOT BODY OF WATER, A MAGNETIC NEEDLE RECORDING EACH CONTACT HE MADE ON A GALVANIC BATTERY. THIS WAS THE BEGINNING OF RADIO.

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The Wheat Situation

The world's wheat cupboard is pretty bare right now and the Institute of Agriculture at Rome points out that if it were not for the large reserves carried over from other years there would be a real shortage of wheat.

Canada has a couple of hundred million bushels in visible supply and on farms, but no other wheat exporting country has any volume to speak of. Australia and Argentina have cleaned out their reserves to a very low level.

As a consequence supply and demand are on balance. Europe hopes supplies will increase substantially when the crops in the southern hemisphere are harvested and so is buying from hand to mouth.

Broomhall has raised his estimate of world trade to 540 million bushels. This is a little over 10 million bushels a week. Shipments have been running around 10-1/2 million bushels a week to date (from August 1st) and will have to step up if the estimate of trade figures is to be realized.

Argentina looks like she would have a bumper crop, possibly around 240 million bushels. Australia will likely have 130 million bushels of wheat from this year's harvest. The two countries will thus have around 225 million bushels to export.

There will likely be maintained a close position as regards supply and demand until new 1937 crops come on. The United States has seeded 52 million acres to winter wheat, this being 5,000,000 acres larger than last year. So prospective supplies in the longer future appear ample. Consequently futures are lower than cash wheat on the Winnipeg market.

The Danube basin has been shipping freely to continental Europe. Italy and Germany have been buying Argentinian futures. Germany has taken some Canadian wheat. The United States is importing about 1,000,000 bushels of Canadian wheat each week.

Prices in Winnipeg exchange have remained fairly constant save for weaknesses when good news arrived regarding the Argentine crop.

Review of Livestock Markets

CALGARY STOCKYARDS, Nov. 17th.—The good fat butcher cattle market is steady to strong. Common and half fat cattle are not in demand. The hog market is higher with selects at \$7.40, hogs \$6.90, butchers \$6.40, off trucks. Good lambs are \$6.00 to \$6.25. Good butcher steers are \$4.00 to \$4.25 with one choice lot at \$4.25, medium \$3.00 to \$3.75, common \$2.00 to \$2.75. Good to choice heifers are \$2.75 to \$3.25, common to medium \$1.75 to \$2.50. Good cows are \$1.75 to \$2.00, common to medium \$1.00 to \$1.50. Good stocker and feeder steers are \$2.50 to \$3.50, common \$1.75 to \$2.25. Good light veal calves are \$5.00 to \$3.50, common to medium \$2.00 to \$2.75.

Milk and Cream Prices

All butter markets show a firm undertone while the Coast market advanced a further half cent per pound. The local market remains unchanged at last week's quotations. Churn cream advanced 1c per pound, effective November 17th. Cream deliveries

Farm Supply Co-ops Boost Business by \$65,000,000 in Year

Total Volume of \$315,000,000 Exceeds One-eighth of National Supply Business

(Co-operative League News Service)

WASHINGTON, D.C., Nov. 18th. —Farm supply co-operatives increased their annual business \$65,000,000 during the last twelve months setting a new high in co-operative business with a total volume of \$315,000,000 for the 1935-36 season. Statistics just compiled by the Farm Credit Administration showed a rise of more than 25 per cent in total purchases and the formation of 106 new associations during the year.

The business of 2,112 farmer co-operatives engaged primarily in purchasing amounted to \$247,000,000 while additional co-operative purchasing business of \$68,000,000 was reported by 2,360 co-operative marketing associations which also engage in co-operative purchasing. The co-operatives operate in 45 states and handle feed, seed, fertilizer, petroleum products, groceries, general merchandise, farm implements and building materials.

The tremendous increase in the co-operative purchase of farm supplies boosts the total to well over one-eighth of the national supply business. Savings of millions of dollars are made possible by the distribution of farm supplies on a non-profit basis.

COTTON COMBINE

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put away in one year \$400,000 into the hidden reserve.

The president of the company argued that a reserve was essential when dealing with such a fluctuating commodity as cotton. He denied that anything was lost to the income tax authorities, since what was lost when money went into the reserve was levied upon it when it came out again.

This, however, is not the view of the authorities here.

Conference in December

Hon. J. G. Gardiner, Minister of Agriculture, has announced a gathering of Dominion and Provincial Ministers of Agriculture at Ottawa on December 14th. They are to draft plans for a reorganization of the Department of Agriculture so as to provide more emphasis on the export of farm products, notably live cattle.

The Dominion Minister has been working on this plan for some time. He had \$300,000 voted to his Department last session for the purpose. Then he went to Britain and studied the methods used in selling Canadian live cattle there. Subsequently Dr. Barton, the Deputy Minister, went across the Atlantic, and so did Dr. J. H. Grisdale, former Deputy Minister. Both of them continued the

have been somewhat improved by the continued mild weather. Churn cream is based on 24c per pound for special grade, delivered Calgary. City milk is \$2.35 per hundred for 3.6 butterfat. Table cream 32.

OTTAWA MARKETING CONFERENCE

And Some Notes on the Packers' Deductions for Dehorned Cattle

By OBSERVER

A Federal-Provincial marketing conference has been called by Minister of Agriculture J. G. Gardiner. The meeting, according to the daily press, will be held in Ottawa commencing December 14th, and all of the Provincial Agricultural Ministers will attend.

This is welcome news to thousands of farmers in all ranks of production throughout Canada, who for years have realized that the machinery available for the marketing of farm products has been hopelessly inadequate. Its cost of operation is too high; too little is left for the primary producer after the marketing levies have been assessed.

Sooner or later the issue of the marketing of Canadian farm products will have to be faced. In the opinion of the writer it is the basic farm problem of Western Canada. So far-reaching are its ramifications that it transcends all political party issues. Upon the successful solution of it rests the re-establishing of agriculture in the proud position it occupied yesterday.

Of course we realize that yesterday, marketing policies were much as they are today. True, but the world picture has changed. No longer has Canada free entry to the markets of the world. Her greatest asset in this connection today, is her home market. With the single exception of wheat, the solution of Canadian farm products' surpluses lies largely in Canada. The Hon. Mr. Gardiner's conference has an exceptional opportunity.

Preceding the current dissatisfaction in hog marketing circles by a few weeks came an announcement from the Industrial and Development Council of Canadian Meat Packers, to the effect that on and after May 1st, 1937, all cattle carrying horns will be subject to a deduction of \$1 per head when marketed.

There is no question about the harm caused by horns in transit. Untold damage is done to hides and meat through them. Everyone interested in the reduction of losses in the live stock industry appreciates the situation.

Nature didn't put the horn on cattle for an ornament. True, under some farm conditions today, the horn may not appear to be of great value. In that respect it is like the appendix of man. On the other hand it is an absolute essential on the range. Mortality among calves and yearlings from the depredations of predatory

inquiries begun by the Minister earlier. Then H. S. Arkell, former Livestock Commissioner, was instructed to visit the Provinces and interview organizations interested in livestock and other farm products. Mr. Arkell will report to the Minister before the December conference takes place.

Two Main Objects

The Minister of Agriculture has two main objects in mind, in this series of preparations. He wants a more thorough study made of the openings in Britain, the United States and elsewhere, for Canadian farm products, notably live cattle. Also he wants a closer watch on the quality and continuity of the shipments from Canada. His objective for the movement of live cattle to the United Kingdom is 100,000 a year. He hopes also that as a result of the United States treaty a large permanent market in the United States can be built up.

Early figures on the trade of Canada for the first nine or ten months of the year are extremely encouraging. One statistician has made the claim that with one exception, the increase in export trade is the greatest in Canadian trade history.

animals is controlled on range, in large measure, by the horns of the cows.

It would seem that the rangeman is to be the particular victim of this new marketing practice. And the rangeman, of all cattlemen, can least afford to suffer any further inroads on his revenue. For him, dehorning of all cattle sold will undoubtedly prove a hardship. He will have an additional handling of his cattle through the corrals and the squeeze, and that spells added costs. He will have to absorb the losses, and there will always be a few, in the dehorning process. And if he doesn't dehorn, he'll lose a dollar a head. He'll lose either way.

Like many other questions this one of damage to cattle through horns while they are in transit, undoubtedly has to be tackled. The objective of the packers is sound, but the means they are using to reach it are not conducive to the greatest degree of harmony between themselves and the producers.

Down through many years the producer has had one question. "Who sets live stock prices?" And in the light of this latest announcement regarding the penalty for horns on cattle, many producers in reply to that question have a significant "Well! Who does?"

POLITICAL ACTION—PRO

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other progressive organization, "Who sets you when all men speak well of you."

Opposite View

I take exactly the opposite view to that of Mr. Johnston. I think we have had too many unsympathetic commercially minded persons in our U.F.A. progressive ranks in the past. They were the deadwood that jammed our progress at conventions; that jammed our true course with wedged and useless logs, preventing the progress of necessary material to that Mill of Life where out of the rugged material of the present, true building boards are planed, to build the Progressive Mansions of the future.

Arguments Analyzed

Let us analyse Mr. Johnston's argument:

1. Party members "whose public motives were above question" "consistently" voted against the Government. They did do it, sir, *most consistently*; they obeyed the instructions of that party which put them there. Did our political group in the House ever attempt to interpret in legislation the instructions of the political group that sent them to Edmonton for that purpose? I submit that the answer is, "No", and that is why they passed away at the early age of 13 instead of going on to a successful and prosperous old age.

2. Unfortunately the U.F.A. organization was not distinguished from the political aggregation of legislators who by a majority misrepresented the organization. That is why "in too many quarters the initials U.F.A. are an anathema."

3. We did not merely "become proselytizing for one of the minor political parties in Canada."

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POLITICAL ACTION—PRO

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organization that this "minor party" is really a very healthy child and that he is our own.

I can understand orthodox Capitalism taking up the position in which Mr. Johnston finds himself. I do not understand how he can hope to plant his Consumers' Co-operative banner on the summit of a mound consisting of rocks of rugged individuality. I submit a Co-operative Wholesalers' and Retailers' Association must be accepted either as an important strategic step towards a Co-operative Commonwealth or as an unwarranted attack on the rightful privileges of independent enterprise.

Only Expediency

The only reason I can find in my mind to support the position taken up by Mr. Johnston is political expediency. That great concourse of mixed ideas which constitute the great majority don't and won't reason. They don't understand logic. They have been shepherded through the ages sometimes into progressive folds with greater security, but more often to the wilderness of other people's exploitive ambitions. I believe that the C.C.F. is a good shepherd and I intend to follow that shepherd.

If the U.F.A. goes out of politics at the next Convention I go on with the C.C.F. with which we as an organization decided to co-operate with only one dissenting vote at Calgary three and a half years ago.

If the U.F.A. decides to throw overboard the only part of her cargo which is really valuable she can go to the bottom for all I care. I am not interested in saving 10 cents on a case of apples because I can do that at a chain store in the local town. I AM OUT TO SALVAGE THE IDEALS OF DEMOCRACY BEFORE THEY ARE WRECKED.

If the U.F.A. sails out of the battle line I will stay in action on the C.C.F. front. As Mr. Lightoller, an officer of the Titanic, said when he was brought to the enquiry: "I never did leave the ship; the ship left me."

I turn to your editorial in this copy and there I find the two aspects of this argument. In the first part, you speak of the new road which must be built to the land of plenty in the near future and in the second part of your editorial you deal with the cheaper trading facilities which can be developed for the use of those who still have a little purchasing price left in their individual pockets. The first is a great ideal. The second in practice, under capitalism is little more than just a small economy scheme. I believe it would be a catastrophe if we, for the sake of expediency, allow our co-operative commercial activities to eliminate and destroy our primary and political objective.

Yours faithfully,

JOHN F. MILNER.

Blackfoot, Nr. Lloydminster.

Editor, *The Western Farm Leader*:

First of all I wish to say I am not in accord with Mr. George Johnston's letter in the November 6th issue of your paper and feel I must write a few lines in my awkward way.

Certainly from a man who has held the position in our political life and who has seen the actual results obtained, must say I find the letter discouraging to say the least. Can George tell us of what good our Organization was other than educational before we gained representation in our government? We know Mr. Wood warned us of the certain outcome of our adventure, which went, I must admit, true to form. However, can we say definitely politics are taboo. I say no! We must have representation, some effective force. Certainly no one but farmers will solve our problems for us.

Great Value of Legislation

We tried to market our own produce; in other words, we tried to tend to our own business and we have practically failed. Is that to be laid at the door of politics? Anyone of any political stripe was admitted. We

European Manager of C.P.R. Honored



Sir George McLaren Brown, K.B.E., Left, shown at the luncheon given in London in his honor by the Canadian chamber of commerce in Great Britain, following his recent retirement from the post of European general manager of the Canadian Pacific Railway after many years of service to the company. On the Right is Sir Hewitt Skinner, Bt., president of the Canadian chamber of commerce in Great Britain, who acted as chairman at the luncheon.

had organizations set up for the different marketing endeavors. We would not have had the successes we had if it were not for the sympathetic legislation we were able to obtain. What of the reforms obtained during our political life? Resources, railway agreements, tariff consideration and steps toward nationalization of banks, etc. If it had not been for the incessant battering by our Federal men would we have gotten these reforms?

You speak, George, of criticisms at our Convention and some of it not worthy of notice. Criticism should have made a better man of you, George, and certainly one can always learn even from a fool. Tolerance, yes we have had a lot of that even in our own movement, don't you think?

Real Cause of Difficulty

Why, oh why, do we not concentrate on the real cause of all our difficulty—The Iron Hand of Private Capital?

No, we tried selling the products of our labor; now we are throwing all in the discard and here we go chiselling in on all other classes of labor and middle men by co-operative purchasing—incidentally the very ones who have nothing whatever to do with our real troubles.

Right here I wish to say (and I believe I can say reasonably) that our greatest mistake is being made. The well-wishers to our successes in marketing our own products have been swept away and in place an antagonism has arisen that never will be overcome.

Doctors, dentists, teachers, lawyers, middlemen, in fact people in all walks of life are more than anxious to see us receive fair returns for our contribution, as their success depends on ours. Not so if you go prying into this and that man's means of livelihood.

Have the much mooted consumer co-ops in other lands hit the mark? No, they are making a few more unemployed and assisting the present system to live and oppress us just a little longer.

The few dollars saved in this way are negligible compared to the enemies we are breeding. What is the use for us to talk Co-operative Commonwealth on the one hand and practice grasping the almighty dollar on the other?

If we are to have consumers' co-operatives, let us build it as one—every consumer a shareholder. I mean by that no discrimination as to race, creed or politics, all on an equal footing getting dividends on all pur-

POLITICAL ACTION—CON

(Continued from page 1)

Surely here is the fact of the matter. If the present Government is able to implement all its promises, and call forth plenty like the proverbial rabbit out of a hat, there will be no need for another political party in this Province (or even in the Dominion) for many, many years to come.

If, on the other hand, their program is impractical and foredoomed to failure will our citizens return to the politics offered by the U.F.A.?

There is no sign that they will do so.

One of three things will happen. (1) They will be apathetic and vote for the line parties out of sheer mental boredom. (2) They will support a "People's Party" that promises almost everything, and means exactly nothing. (3) They will be prepared to advance definitely along the Christian Socialist road that leads to a Co-operative Commonwealth.

The third alternative is the only one in which the U.F.A. could have any part or interest.

But that would mean that we should have to declare our organization to be definitely a socialistic one, which, at the present time, would certainly weaken our position in the economic field.

We of the U.F.A. have always professed to believe in evolution. A system has its birth, its maturity, and then its gradual or sudden demise. In Provincial politics the U.F.A. fulfilled a definite need during a definite period.

So let us be satisfied with the good that was done at that time, write "finis" to that chapter, and build again on the solid foundation of economic co-operation.

N. V. FEARNEHOUGH.

Morrin, Alberta.

chases as shareholders. I have no objection to such a set up under the present system of capitalism, but surely not earmarked as a child of the U.F.A.

It would seem all else is being sacrificed at present for this brain wave and our organization is being forced to accept responsibility for it all.

No wonder the U.F.A. members were defeated. If we are to receive recognition of our brothers in other walks of life, for heaven's sake let us recognize them, and then we might be able to breathe the word Co-operation without a taint. Let us also hear from some of the other serious thinkers in our ranks.

JOSEPH J. HAGGERTY.

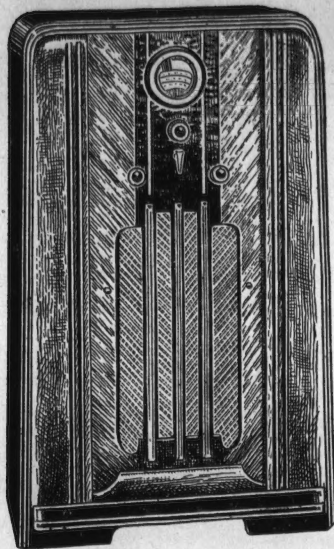
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CFAC's Morning Bulletin Board at 11:15 clicked so tremendously with Calgary surrounding communities, that last week's tri-weekly program has given way to a daily show at the same time. Drumheller, Innisfail, Olds, Trochu and Three Hills now enjoy the morning salute with its postings of everything that's interesting and entertaining. Jack Dennett is the Bulletin Board announcer and already he is being deluged with stacks of wedding and birthday anniversary announcements, which he passes on to friends among the bulletin board "readers". Another popular feature of the "Board" is the "today's Hymn" requested by the listeners, providing a moment of dignified thought and a contrast to the latest hits which are found in the musical listing of the Morning Bulletin Board.

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By SYDNEY MAY

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According to the *Albertan*, a Soviet expedition to the Crimea is reported to have found bones believed to be 40,000 years old. Tut, tut, fancy digging up the skeleton in a man's closet after all that time.

"Mixed Winters Now Being Sold."—headline in the *Vernon News*. O.K., Vernon, ship us along one of the kind that Vancouver is always boasting about.

WHY TEACHERS GET GREY

"Urn is what you do when you work for pay."

And another of life's great mysteries, declares Mister Gloom, is how a gal can hope to get by as a chicken when the crow's feet have begun to show.

EFFICIENCY EXPERT

The druggist who advertises rouge that will enable a girl to blush unseen.

Fern of Fernie tells us that if a gal goes out with the same guy every day her affections grow weakly.

Ah, well, ransom is as ransom does, as the kidnapper said when he pocketed the \$50,000 and set the prisoner free.

TIMES DO CHANGE

Oh, "Sweet Marie," you used to be

A song sung by a lovely star;
Though years have flown, you
still are known,
But as a chocolate bar.

ADD SIMILES

As two-faced as a gramophone record.

—Thenx to Lionel.

Berlin News dispatch states that Hitler is an automobile expert. Yep, and we'll bet he drives like hell.

If life, says Wally, our incurable bach, is just one damn thing after another, then love is just two damn things after each other.

Nunno, certainly not, Algernon, an American G man is not a jockey.

And Li'l Goldilocks, our office vamp, says her latest pick-up must be a landscape artist. Yep, he's always making scenes.

A PROSY POEM

Prosy people shouldn't write poems,
'Specially such a one as I;
We should only sweep and sew,
Stir the cakes and roll the dough,
Mend the socks, dust the chairs,
Make the beds, wax the stairs;
Cook the meals; bath the kids;
Wash the pots and the lids;
Go to bed too tired to pray
At the end of each long day;
Carry on until we die,
With never a thought of rhymes or tones.

But—I thank God for truant rhymes.
That steal into my busy times;
And for the little lulling words
Within my heart, like singing birds.

—Billykin Nee.

Postcard from Mary of Carbon informs us that a girl doesn't mind a fellow sowing his wild oats as long as she isn't expected to reap the harvest.

London man is reported to have slain his wife and then committed

SPORT

After an anaemic start the Toronto Maple Leafs found their bearings last Saturday night and beat the Chicago Blackhawks 6-2. Charlie Connacher, ace right winger of the Leafs, made his first appearance in a league game this season, having been off the line-up with a badly damaged wrist, suffered in an exhibition pre-league game with Detroit. Broda was in goal for the Leafs, having supplanted Hainsworth. The Leafs look strong this year provided that Broda turns out to be a high-class goal tender.

The New York Americans seem to have more class this year than last. They have shown all-round ability in their first few games and should land in the play-offs again. Shriner is starting in where he left off last year. The Amerks have not lost a game in four starts.

Regina Rough Riders are rugby kings of Western Canada, having trimmed the Calgary Bronks 3-1 in the play-off. They had a lead of 5 points through having won the season's play-offs against the Bronks, so the score actually was 8-1. The Bronks fought gamely but never had a chance as the Riders played carefully and didn't make a bad fumble.

The Riders are supposed to go East to play off with the winners there. It may be Toronto Argos, Ottawa, Balmy Beach or Sarnia. But the Regina team won't play without their five U.S. ineligible so there may be no official championship contests. However, Al Ritchie, coach for Regina may arrange exhibition games.

It looks as though the St. Louis Cardinals are in earnest about selling or trading Dizzy Dean. The antics and remarks of the eccentric hurler have finally gotten "into the hair" of the St. Louis management. Of course they want a substantial amount for the big right-hander. The original demand was \$400,000, but it may be scaled down to \$150,000 and players. New York Giants are after Dean.

Champion Jimmie Braddock has agreed to fight Joe Louis next winter. The statement was made by Braddock's manager. Of course Jim may get a sore wrist before then but he needs the added publicity now.

suicide. A clear case of a man beginning at the wrong end.

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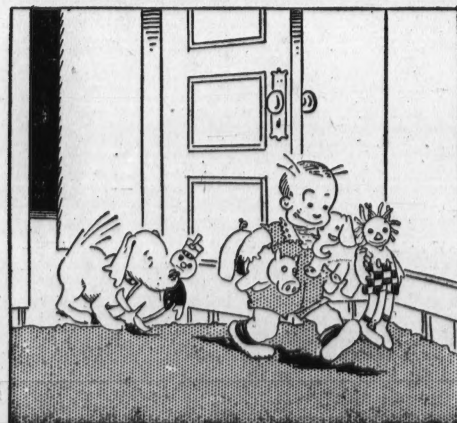
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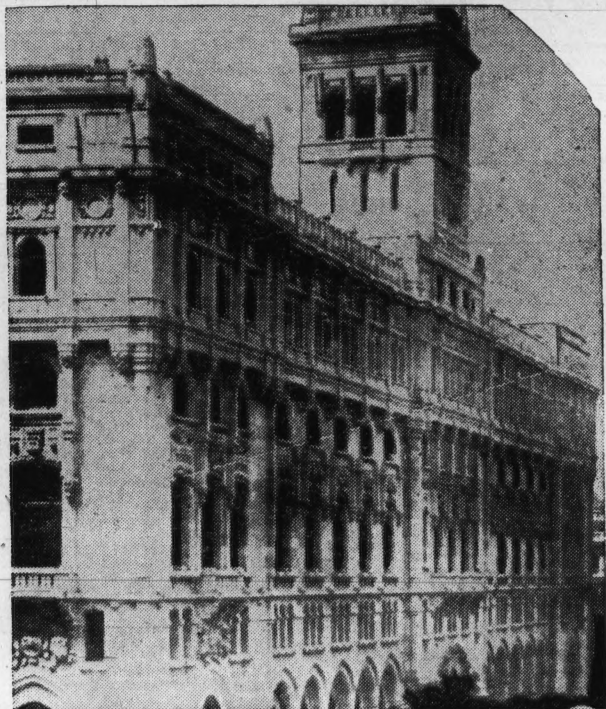
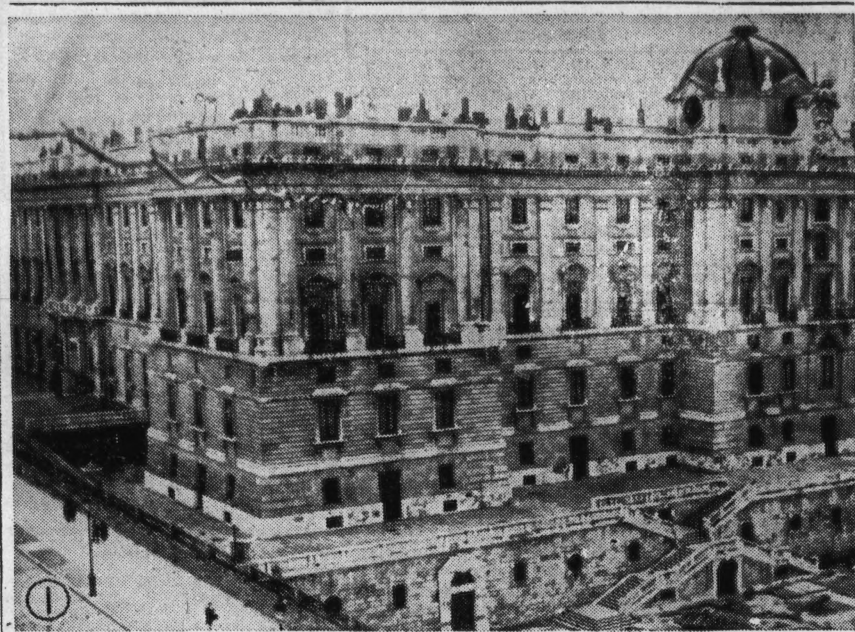


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Stately Ancient Capital Threatened with Ruin from Air



While Madrid's defenders, denied by Great Britain and France their right under international law to import arms for self-defence from abroad, are fighting an unequal battle against a rebel army, supplied by the Fascist states with modern fighting planes and bombers, tanks and artillery, the fate of the historic capital hangs in the balance. Moors and cosmopolitan mercenaries of the Spanish foreign legion constitute the bulk of the rebel rank and file.

The pictures on the left show two of the stately buildings which have been bombed, and, by the time this issue reaches our readers may have been reduced to ruins from the air. In the upper picture is shown the National Palace, and in the lower picture the Ministry of Marine Building. Upper right is seen a crowd in front of the Ministerio del Gobernacion, watching rebel aeroplanes circle over Madrid and drop bombs during one of the first air attacks. Lower right is a picture of the ruins of a building in Navalcarnero, one of the towns taken by the rebels in their advance on Madrid.

Fires have been started by bombing in parts of the city, and the Gran Via subway station is crowded with refugees. At the time of going to press, rebel troops were reported to have entered the city.

